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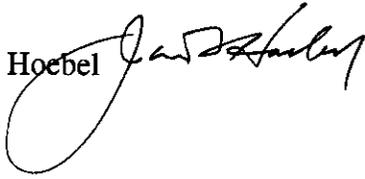
### LOG OF MEETING

CPSC/OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Residential Smoke  
Detector Task Group

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 31, 1998

**DATE OF LOG ENTRY:** March 31, 1998

**PERSON SUBMITTING LOG:** James F. Hoebel 

**LOCATION:** CPSC, Bethesda, MD

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** James F. Hoebel, Engineering Sciences

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):**

- Gene LaValle, Sentrol
- Crawley Parris, NEMA
- Wayne Boyd, U.S. Safety
- Steve Wasserman, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
- Larry Maruskin, U.S. Fire Administration
- Barbara Patasce, U.S. Fire Administration
- Wendy Gifford, First Alert
- Amy Bondurant, Thompson Hine & Flory
- Sara Yerkes, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Sam Cristy, Product Safety Letter

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** Mr. LaValle, Chairman of the Task Group, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. There was some discussion about continuing the existing task group beyond the scope of the present task (development of a smoke alarm brochure) for the purposes of ensuring the consistency of fire related public education. Mr. Hoebel and others noted the existence of other groups with similar objectives. Ms. Yerkes will investigate a planned new NFPA Technical Committee in this area, and Ms. Patasce will check on an earlier North American Coalition for Fire Safety Education.

Attendees reviewed current fire safety public education efforts at each of their organizations. First Alert noted that the primary message for them this year would be detector replacement. NFPA discussed their new "Risk Watch" project.

The planned smoke alarm brochure would be nominally a three-fold document, including sections on Introduction, Sensor Technology, Number of alarms, Installation location and mounting, Unwanted Alarms, Maintenance and Testing, Replacement, Features, Escape Plan, and Agency Contacts. Different task group members will draft each section so that a draft brochure can be considered at the next task group meeting. Since many members expect to attend the May NFPA meeting in Cincinnati, the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 19 in conjunction with the NFPA meeting.

